




State of New Mexico
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Supplement



SPECIAL COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT #9

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TO: IN-STATE ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS

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SUBJECT: 2020 HOSPITAL INPATIENT PAYMENT RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020

To assure that general acute care hospitals, including critical access hospitals, have the resources needed to address the National Public Health Emergency associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and to assure Medicaid recipients receive continuation of essential services with minimal disruption or delay, reimbursement for inpatient hospital stays will increase. The hospital increases described in this Supplement are in recognition of reduced hospital utilization during the public health emergency and are effective for dates of service April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. The Medical Assistance Division (MAD) will coordinate, with the fiscal agent, an adjustment of paid claims for dates of service April 1, 2020 to present.

Increase in Payment Rates for Inpatient Hospital Services Reimbursed at the Diagnosis Related Grouper (DRG) Methodology

Reimbursement for inpatient hospital services will be adjusted as follows:

- Institutional rates specific to each DRG reimbursed hospital provider will be increased by 12.4 percent.
- Inpatient hospital stays reimbursed at DRG that require an intensive care unit (ICU) stay will be increased by 50 percent. These stays will initially be paid reflecting the 12.4 percent increase. MAD is in the process of establishing a post payment adjustment process that will identify these stays so that the provider will be reimbursed the full 50 percent increase. The following revenue codes will be used to identify claims reflecting an ICU stay.

Revenue Code	Description
0200	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - GENERAL CLASSIFIC
0201	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - SURGICAL
0202	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - MEDICAL
0203	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - PEDIATRIC
0204	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - PSYCHIATRIC
0206	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - POST ICU (SUB-ACU
0207	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - BURN CARE
0208	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - TRAUMA
0209	INTENSIVE CARE (ICU) - OTHER INTENSIVE CARE
0194	SUBACUTE CARE- LEVEL IV- INTENSIVE CARE

Thank you for your service to New Mexicans during this emergency pandemic. This COVID-19 Supplement will sunset when the Human Services Department determines that the national public health emergency associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been contained. Please contact the Medical Assistance Division at (505) 827-6252 or MADInfo.HSD@state.nm.us if you have any questions regarding this guidance.